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7 STEMTEC scholars from GCC

GCC scored high in the first round of STEMTEC (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Teacher Education Collaborative) scholarships, with seven math and science students receiving awards of \$1,000. This compared with four recipients from Holyoke Community College and two from Springfield Technical Community College.

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GCC nursing program earns high praise

The National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission has recommended to the NLN Board of Review that GCC be awarded the maximum, eight-year reaccreditation status," reports **Margaret Craig**, Dean of Nursing and Health Occupations. Two program evaluators visited GCC on Feb. 2-4, meeting with students, faculty, staff, ad-



Evaluators recommend highest re-accreditation status for GCC nursing program.

ministrators, and health care representatives. In addition to Margaret Craig, congratulations go to **Jean Simmons**, A.D.

Nursing Program Coordinator, faculty members **Judith Kinley**, **Nancy Craig-Williams**, **Cheri Ducharme**,

Deborah Orre, **Ellen Hunt**, **Linda Jablonski**, **Tina Griffin**, and **Cheryl**

Pascucci; and staff member **Laura Earl**.

Gary Weiss earns Certified Executive Chef title

Sometimes the most meaningful recognition comes from your peers, which is why GCC Food Service Director **Gary Weiss** values his recent title as Certified Executive Chef by the American Culinary Federation, the largest group of culinary professionals in the world. The certification places Weiss in an elite group of

chefs. "You're basically being told that you're certified to be an Executive Chef by other chefs. It's especially meaningful within the industry, and something I've aspired to for a long time, and put off." The title is earned through a combination of experience points and education points, and includes courses in nutrition,

sanitation, supervisory development, and food science, culminating in a final exam. "You're always nervous about the final," says Gary, who completed his last course about a year ago. It was Weiss's six-year-old son, Joel, who spurred Gary to take the final test. "Recently," recalls Weiss, "a chef from

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"We have a very caring faculty at GCC, and these STEMTEC scholarships are the proof of it."
— Ana Gaillat

Phi Theta Kappa looks ahead

Dr. Federico Agnir resumes his long-standing role as faculty advisor to the GCC chapter of Phi Theta Kappa honor society for two-year colleges. After a year-long dormancy, officers were installed Feb. 24th by Paula Gastenvold, Dean of Academic Affairs. Their first activity, reports Agnir, was attending the Phi Theta Kappa regional conference at Cape Cod C.C. on March 5 and 6. President Charles Wall recently signed invitations to approx. 200 GCC students qualified for membership.

GCC scores big in STEMTEC scholarship awards

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Why the disproportionate success of GCC students? It's all a matter of caring about our students, suggests STEMTEC Campus Coordinator **Ana Gaillat**. "The other colleges got the same notice as we did, but not too many of their students got to know

about it. It's characteristic of the quality of faculty-student relationships here at GCC that we really got the word out to students about this opportunity. Behind every scholarship was a faculty member saying, 'Why don't you apply?' That, and the fact that our students were really high-quality appli-

cants." Besides Gaillat, other GCC faculty involved include **Beth Erviti, Dick Little, Amy Clark, Lindy Gougeon, Norm Beebe, Dan Radin, and Toby Sutton**. Recipients are: Jessica Boyd, Eliz. Clark, Erin Gillis, Adam Kramer, Clarissa Veith, Donna Walters, and Ruth Witty.

Steve Budd convenes Council for Resource Development

Steve Budd, GCC's Dean of Institutional Advancement, will convene the Region One Spring Conference of the Council for Resource Development, to be held in Plymouth April 14th - 16th. As Regional Director of the New England chapter, Steve will be running a meeting that looks at

emerging issues in fundraising and resource development. "There's a lot of camaraderie and personal support that you get from meeting with your peers," says Steve. "Plus, it's a great opportunity to develop new partnerships, and to work together on joint fundraising activities. It is increasingly

important to partner and to collaborate in order to bring resources to an area, particularly rural regions. Grant applications are much stronger when they show a partnering of colleges. So this is a great opportunity for community colleges to come together and hatch new ideas."

Gary Weiss, Certified Executive Chef

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The Fort had just gotten his certification, and my son was with me when they announced it, and he piped up, 'Is my Dad one too?' Well, that got me going. Two months later I had taken my final test and sent in my packet."

Gary and his wife Gail live in Northfield, where

Gary serves on the Northfield Planning Board. He's also treasurer of Temple Israel, corresponding secretary for the Pioneer Valley Chapter of the American Culinary Federation, and an Advisory Board member for Franklin Technical School.

GCC is a great place to work, says Gary. For one

thing, the hours are great. "I used to be in hotels and restaurants, and by comparison this is wonderful. But it's the people that make the place. I love the college and the people here are very nice. I enjoy the friendliness—it's small enough that you know people by first name; you can talk to them."